

Licenses, Permits and Fees

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail. A service fee of 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50 is added for this transaction.
- On the Internet, go online to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee of 3 percent of the transaction plus **\$3.50** is added for this transaction.
- Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

When buying licenses by telephone, the buyer, on request, will be assigned a validation number, which may be used in lieu of the actual license for 14 days from the date of issue. The information must be read exactly as it appears on the license. When this number is used in lieu of the license, the person must carry their driver's license or identification card. A validation number may not be used in lieu of a tag. Purchasers must wait until tags or permits arrive.

Call 208-334-3700 for more information.

Any license, tag or permit that is defaced or altered is invalid from the date and time of issue. It is unlawful to use or attempt to use any license that has been defaced or altered.

Nonresidents: If you hunt with an outfitter in Idaho, the outfitter should buy your tags through the "outfitter set-aside" pool of tags. No outfitter should suggest that you buy your own tags from the general nonresident pool of tags.

Sale Dates: Licenses and tags go on sale December 1 of each year, but resident tags are not available until after the deer, elk and pronghorn controlled hunt drawings in July. All licenses are valid only in the calendar year for which they are issued.

Hunter Education

- To buy a hunting license, all hunters must show proof that they have completed a hunter education course if they were born on or after January 1, 1975, unless they have held a hunting license from Idaho or another state or country.
- To buy an archery permit, all bowhunters must possess a valid hunting license and show proof they have completed an approved bowhunter education course or show evidence of having been licensed for an archery-only hunt in Idaho or another state, or complete an affidavit to that effect.

- The Hunter Education Course includes 15-17 class hours plus a two- to four-hour range and live-fire exercise. The curriculum includes training in firearms safety, basic archery safety, hunting ethics, wildlife management, conservation, survival, regulations and a final written exam.
- The Bowhunter Education Course averages 12 class hours plus a field exercise. Subjects include bowhunting equipment, techniques, safety, shot placement, ethics, treestand safety, outdoor preparedness and the state final exam.
- Independent study courses include a workbook option and an internet-based course for hunter education and internet-based course for bowhunter education as alternatives to the traditional classroom courses for students 10 years or older. There is a small additional cost for the Internet courses that is paid directly to the course provider. All independent study courses require the successful completion of an additional 6 to 7 hour scheduled field day. Course and registration information can be found on the Hunter Education Program page of the Idaho Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov> or obtained from a regional Fish and Game office. It is highly recommended that individuals planning to participate in fall hunts register for a course early in the year and before June 30. Hunter education and bowhunter education classes are taught by volunteer instructors who, like other hunters, want to be afield early in the hunting season. **The number of classes and independent study course field days available becomes very limited because of a decrease in instructor availability close to and during the hunting season.** Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations or obtain additional information by contacting the Fish and Game State Hunter Education Coordinator's office, 600 S. Walnut St. Boise, ID 83707, phone 208-334-3746, or toll free at 1-866-285-1544 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD) or email: ron.fritz@idfg.idaho.gov.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be made on resident licenses, tags or permits. Nonresident hunting license and tags may be refunded less issuance fees and a \$50 processing fee, in the event of:

- Illness or injury that disables a license holder for the entire applicable hunting season
- Military deployment of license holder due to armed conflict.
- Death of the license holder or his or her parent, spouse or child.

Tags and license must be returned with proof (death certificate, obituary, written justification by a licensed medical doctor, or copy of military orders). Hunting license fees will not be refunded after the license is used to apply for a controlled hunt or to buy a turkey,

mountain lion, bear or gray wolf tag. The request must be postmarked by December 31 of the year in which the license was valid, except for “event of death” refund, which must be submitted within 1 year of the death.

A controlled hunt permit and tag may be made available in the same hunt for purchase by an immediate family member of a person who died before using his or her permit, and whose family had the fees refunded. Contact Fish and Game Licenses at (208) 334-2592.

If a refund is requested for any other reason, only the permit and tag fees (not the license fee) may be refunded at the following sliding scale rate:

- Postmarked before April 1 – 75 percent refund.
- Postmarked April 1 through June 30 – 50 percent refund.
- Postmarked July 1 through August 31 – 25 percent refund.
- Postmarked September 1 through December 31 – No refund.

Your Social Security Number is Safe: The 1998 Idaho Legislature required that all applicants for licenses issued by the state, including hunting or fishing licenses, tags and permits, must give their Social Security number for a license or permit to be issued. The Idaho Privacy Law protects your Social Security number. It is considered confidential, **will not** be printed on your license and **will not** be given to any private person or organization.

Residency Requirements

A previous year’s license is not proof of residency. Proof of residency is required to buy any resident license.

1. Drivers must present: Any person who is a driver must have a valid Idaho driver’s license and must have been domiciled in the state of Idaho for the last six months prior to purchasing a resident license, tag or permit.
2. Non-drivers must present: An Idaho identification card issued by the Department of Transportation; or a combination of two documents bearing your name and address but not issued by yourself.

Examples include:

- Home utility bills for the previous six months.
- Rent receipts or mortgage statements for the previous six months.
- Notarized statement from an employer on business letterhead.
- Proof of voter registration dated six months prior.
- For a minor child under 18, identification from a parent.

3. Military members: A member of the military service of the United States or a foreign country, state national guard or Air National Guard, together with spouse and children under 18 years of age, residing in his/her household, who have been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled and on active duty in the state of Idaho for a period of 30 days last preceding application, as long as such assignment continues, is eligible to purchase a resident license.

To show eligibility you need: A current “Military Status and Residency Affidavit” signed by first sergeant, section commander or commander; or a current request and authorization for permanent change of station showing a ‘report no later than’ date within the last 60 days; or a combination of two documents given in number two (2) above dated thirty (30) days prior.

This is a summary of residency requirements, for additional details see Idaho Code 36-202(S) and 36-405; <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm> or contact your local fish and game officer. **Persons who do not qualify as residents must purchase a nonresident license.**



License, Tag and Permit Fees

Updated January 2012

The amounts listed include all permits and application fees as of January 1, 2012. Fees may change without notice.
Licenses, permits, validations and tags expire **December 31**, except where noted.

Idaho Residents

(See requirements on page 101)

Adult licenses:

18 years of age and older

Sportsman's Package ¹	\$117.25
Combination Hunting and Fishing	33.50
Disabled Combination	
SSI, SSDI, DAV	5.00
Military Furlough Combination	17.50
Hunting	12.75
Fishing	25.75
Disabled Fishing	5.00
Military Furlough Fishing	17.50
Trapping ² (expires June 30)	26.75
Taxidermist/Furbuyer - 1 year ² (expires June 30)	40.00
Taxidermist/Furbuyer - 5 year ² (expires June 30)	176.75

Youth licenses

Sportsman's Package ¹	\$117.25
Junior Combination (14-17)	17.50
Junior Hunting (12-17)	7.25
Junior Fishing (14-17)	13.75
Youth Small Game Hunting (10-11)	7.25
Trapping ²	7.25

Senior license 65 years and older (5 years residency prior to license purchase required)

Combination, Hunting or Fishing	\$11.75
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Permits and Validations

Archery Permit	\$18.25
Muzzleloader Permit	18.25
Hound Hunter Permit	12.75
Bear Baiting Permit ²	12.75
WMA Upland Game Bird Permit (17+ years)	23.75
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	4.75
Migratory Bird Permit	1.75
Handicapped Archery Permit ³	1.75
Handicapped Motor Vehicle Permit ³	1.75
Salmon Permit	12.75
Steelhead Permit	12.75
Two-Pole Permit	13.75

Adult Tags

Deer	\$19.75
Elk	30.75
Bear	11.50
Second Bear	11.50
Mountain Lion	11.50
Second Mountain Lion	11.50
Gray Wolf	11.50
Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	11.50
General Turkey	19.75
Extra Turkey	12.25
Special Unit Turkey	5.00
Sandhill Crane	15.00
Pronghorn	31.25
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (controlled hunt tag only, does not include application fee, see below)	166.75

Youth, Senior, and DAV Tags⁴

Deer ⁴	\$10.75
Elk ⁴	16.50
Bear ⁴	6.75
Second Bear ⁴	6.75
General Turkey ⁵	10.75
Extra Turkey ⁵	10.75

Controlled Hunts

Resident Controlled Hunt Application	\$6.25
Turkey Controlled Hunt permit	7.75

¹ The sportsman's package includes deer, elk, turkey, bear and mountain lion tags, and archery, muzzleloader, salmon, and steelhead permits.

² Available only at Idaho Fish and Game offices.

³ Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form

⁴ Must have a senior combination license, a Junior combination or hunting license, or a DAV combination license.

⁵ Must have a senior combination license, a Junior combination or hunting license, or a DAV combination license, or a Youth Small Game hunting license.

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Special Resident Permits

Anyone certified as eligible for federal supplemental income (SSI), social security disability income (SSDI), railroad retirement board disability, a nonservice-connected veteran's pension, or a service connected veteran's disability benefit with 40 percent or more disability, may qualify for a "disabled" license. Bring current year documentation when applying. Disabled licenses may be purchased at Fish and Game offices, selected license vendors (see website for list), and through the mail.

Resident Lifetime License Certificates

Regardless of your age, purchase of a lifetime license could be the best investment you ever make. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses authorize all privileges associated with a corresponding annual license. These licenses are valid for the lifetime of the license holder and are available to all Idaho residents. If a lifetime certificate holder moves out of Idaho, they will continue to receive an annual license, but they will have to pay nonresident tag and permit fees. The lifetime certificate does not include tags and permits. Lifetime certificates can be purchased at Idaho Fish and Game headquarters and regional offices only.

Applicant Age	Combination	Hunting	Fishing
0 - 1 year	\$795.50	\$276.75	\$601.75
2 - 50 years	\$1,113.00	\$386.75	\$841.75
51 and older	\$636.75	\$221.75	\$481.75

Note: Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, lifetime license (renewal beginning second year of ownership), bear baiting permits, and bobcat and otter pelt tags (pelts are tagged at regional offices and the Hunter Education Center only) are available **only** at Idaho Fish and Game offices.

For licenses not listed, please visit our web page at:
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

Nonresident

(See requirement page 101)

Combination Hunting & Fishing\$240.00
 Hunting154.75

Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season. Valid for upland & migratory game birds, turkeys, cottontail, snowshoe hare, huntable furbearers and unprotected and predatory birds and animals) 97.75

Three-Day Nonresident Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season. Valid for upland and migratory game birds, turkeys, cottontail, snowshoe hare, huntable furbearers and unprotected and predatory birds and animals)..... 35.50

Nongame Hunting (valid January to August).....35.50

Shooting Preserve Hunting.....23.75

Season Fishing98.25

Daily Fishing (first day)12.75

Each consecutive day at initial
time of purchase add6.00

Three-day Salmon/Steelhead
(includes three-day general fishing license)37.50

Trapping¹(expires June 30)301.75

Taxidermist/Furbuyer¹ (expires June 30)170.00

Junior Mentored & Youth Licenses

Junior Mentored Hunting² (12-17) \$31.75

Youth Small Game Hunting² (10-11)20.00

Junior Fishing (under 18)21.75

Daily Fishing (first day)12.75

Each consecutive day at initial
time of purchase add6.00

Three-day Salmon/Steelhead
(includes three-day general fishing license)37.50

Permits and Validations

Archery Permit\$20.00

Muzzleloader Permit.....20.00

Hound Hunter Permit¹169.75

Bear Baiting Permit¹31.75

WMA Upland Game Bird Permit (17+ yrs)51.75

Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit 4.75

Migratory Bird Permit.....4.75

Handicapped Archery Permit³1.75

Handicapped Motor Vehicle Permit³1.75

Salmon Permit.....25.75

Steelhead Permit.....25.75

Two-Pole Permit.....15.50

Adult Tags

Deer (Regular or White-tailed)\$301.75

Elk.....416.75

Bear186.00

Reduced Bear31.75

Second Bear31.75

Mountain Lion186.00

Reduced Mountain Lion31.75

Second Mountain Lion31.75

Gray Wolf.....31.75

Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30).....31.75

Turkey.....80.00

Extra Turkey.....80.00

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Pronghorn	311.75
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (Controlled hunt tag only, does not include application fee, see below)	\$2,101.75
Junior Mentored Tags⁴	
Deer (Regular, White-tailed) ⁴	\$23.75
Elk ⁴	39.75
Bear ⁴	23.75
Second Bear ⁴	23.75
Turkey ⁵	19.75
Extra Turkey ⁵	19.75
Controlled Hunt	
Controlled Hunt Application	\$14.75
Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75

Super Hunt

The first Super Hunt ticket for each species costs \$6; each additional ticket for that species purchased at the same time costs \$4. The first Super Hunt Combo ticket costs \$20; each additional ticket purchased at the same time costs \$16.



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Notes:

¹These licenses and permits are only available at Idaho Fish and Game offices.

² Anyone hunting with this license must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

³Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.

⁴ Must have a Junior Mentored hunting license. The accompanying adult must have a tag(s) for the same species, valid in the same area(s). The junior mentored deer tags are not valid for bear or mountain lion. Price not valid for leftover nonresident, general season deer or elk tags purchased as second tags.

⁵ Must have a Junior Mentored hunting license or a Youth Small Game hunting license.

Note: Nonresident lifetime license holders must buy tags at Fish and Game offices if nonresident deer and elk tags are sold out.

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If you observe or suspect illegal activity has occurred or may occur, report it to the nearest Idaho Fish and Game representative, or call the CAP toll-free number 1-800-632-5999. Callers do not have to reveal their names. A reward may be paid if an arrest is made or a citation is issued to the suspected violator.